

To: Test Coordinators, Principals, Superintendents

From: Tim Kurtz

Re: Recruiting Teachers to review SBAC materials

Date: Friday, February 24, 2012

Please pardon the lateness of this request.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) has asked its member states to recruit teachers to review newly created drafts of training materials for designing and reviewing test items and tasks including issue related to bias and accessibility. This is the first direct opportunity for NH teachers to participate in the development of the new assessment. There will be other opportunities in the future.

To be clear, teachers chosen for this task will be reviewing PD materials to be used in the training process of new test item writers and reviewers. Measured Progress is the contractor chosen to lead this work. The development of the test items will come later under a different contract (contractor not yet chosen).

NH Teachers will participate in phase 1 of this development process – off-site review of draft documents. The reviews will happen on teachers own time, and the teachers will be paid \$1,500 for approximately 25 hours of work – work that will start as quickly as March 5 and go for 5 weeks. Other teachers (not from NH) will participate in phase 2 of this development process – on-site review of revised drafts in April.

There are three main criteria that teachers must meet to be eligible to apply:

1. Currently Teaching ELA or Math in grades 3-12,
2. Have familiarity with the Common Core State Standards, and
3. Have **NOT** participated previously in the development of items for a state testing program.

The last criteria ensures that fresh eyes that have not been acculturated into the large-scale assessment world review materials for clarity.

Please pass this along to teachers who may be interested in this early opportunity to participate in our state's efforts to develop this next generation assessment. As indicated in the attached document (two versions of one document - .doc and .pdf), emails of interest should be sent to Tinamarie Skillings at skillings.Tinamarie@measuredprogress.org

APPLICATIONS DUE: FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012

Thank you again for your continued support of a statewide assessment system that supports the teaching and learning of English/language arts and mathematics.